

METROPOLITAN STEVEDORE COMPANY, Port of Stockton, San Joaquin County

The Metropolitan Stevedore Company (Discharger) operates a facility at the Port of Stockton, San Joaquin County. Storm water and non-storm water from the areas where the Discharger conducts its activities discharges either to land, directly to receiving waters, or indirectly to these waters through the storm sewer system owned and operated by the Stockton Port District.

The Regional Board issued an individual NPDES permit (EPA No. CA0084174; Regional Board Order No. 97-217) to the Discharger in October 1997. As with this order, the proposed order includes provisions to authorize storm water discharges associated with activities being conducted by the Discharger. These discharges include runoff from the covered conveyor system, which runs from the bulk storage area to the ship loader, and runoff from the ship loader. Runoff from the conveyer system is collected and directed to land; however, incidental discharges may occur where the conveyor joins the ship loader. The ship loader is covered, but fugitive dust and spills may come in contact with storm water. Discharges from the ship loader go directly to the River or the Deep Water Ship Channel (DWSC).

The proposed Order authorizes de minimus discharges of bulk material directly to the River and the DWSC provided the Discharger addresses the loading and unloading activities in its facility's SWPPP, and implements appropriate BMPs to ensure that water quality criteria are not impacted, or threatened. (BLS)